



## Message from the Colorado Language Arts Society (CLAS)

The [Colorado Language Arts Society](#), a professional association of educators in English studies, Literacy, and Language Arts, will hold our [Regional Fall Conference](#) on **October 5, 2019** at the Tivoli Student Union in Denver. This year's featured keynote speakers are [Cornelius Minor](#), [Helen Thorpe](#), and [Tanaya Winder](#).

In addition to the keynote sessions, attendees have [several choices during each of three sixty-minute conference sessions](#) on a variety of subjects related to teaching, reading, writing, and critical literacy that will excite your imagination and inspire your life as a reader and educator. At the end of the day, attendees will receive a certificate of completion for eight hours of professional development activities applicable toward Colorado license renewal.

Registration is \$50 for pre-service and first-year teachers, and \$95 for all other attendees. The cost includes breakfast, a catered lunch, and one year's membership in Colorado Language Arts Society. [Registration is open!](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,  
Michael Hoffman  
President, Colorado Language Arts Society

## CDE's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual READING Conference

Join us in Grand Junction, Colorado at the Two Rivers Convention Center for two days of exceptional learning. This year's conference will be held on **October 10-11, 2019**.

This year, we have another great line up of national literacy experts coming to Colorado to support our learning—Steven Dykstra Ph.D., Margie Gillis

Ph.D., Susan Hall Ed.D., Nancy Mather Ph.D., and more! **Registration is free** and will be prioritized for current Colorado district literacy leaders, administrators, and educators.

**Who:** All K-3 educators including general education teachers, special education specialists, reading coaches, reading interventionists, English Language Development specialists, principals, district literacy leads and school leadership teams.

**What:** This conference is designed to support the implementation of evidence-based reading instruction. Our focus is explicit instruction for all students including English learners, emerging readers, and struggling readers.

**Where: Two Rivers Convention Center**  
159 Main St. Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

**Conference Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for this year's conference.

The link to register is also available via the [CDE's Professional Development Calendar](#) and the [CO READ Act Homepage](#)

For questions about the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual READING Conference, contact Alex Frazier, at [frazier\\_a@cde.state.co.us](mailto:frazier_a@cde.state.co.us) or 303-908-1096

## 2019 NCTE Annual Convention

**November 21-24, 2019, Baltimore, MD**

This fall, when we come together in Baltimore, let's inquire together. Let's dare to wonder, to be bold and creative in our curiosity. Let's reawaken our own spirit of inquiry as teachers, leaders, writers, readers, and thinkers.

[Click here](#) to register for the 2019 NCTE Annual Convention.

For additional information on NCTE, please go to <http://convention.ncte.org/2019-convention/general-info/>

## Contact Info

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